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SUBJECT: MAPA SUSPENDS ACTIVITIES; LEFTIST RALLY FIASCO

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1. MAPA LEADER FRANCISCO COSTA MATOS REPORTEDLY CALLED ON COMMODORE EMANUEL RICOU, ACTING MILITARY GOVERNOR, LAST SUNDAY, PRESUMEABLY TO DISCUSS TRAVEL BAN (REFTEL) AND PROTECTION FOR MAPA HEADQUARTERS. APPARENTLY AS RESULT OF DISCUSSION MAPA ON TUESDAY ANNOUNCED SUSPENSION ALL ACTIVITIES AND WE UNDERSTAND TRAVEL BAN LIFTED EXCEPT FOR CARLOS MELOBENTO.

2. RALLY HELD PONTA DELGADA EVENING MARCH 19 ORGANIZED BY MDP, MES, PC AND PS TO CELEBRATE NATIONALIZATION OF BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES AND TO DEMAND DISSOLUTION MAPA. DESPITE NUMEROUS COMMUNIQUE ABOUT RALLY IN PAPERS, RADIO SPOTS, HANDOUTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM LOUD SPEAKERS MOUNTED ON CARS, ONLY FEW HUNDRED PERSONS SHOWED UP INCLUDING CIVIL GOVERNOR AND HARD CORE LEFTIST PARTY FAITHFUL, EMPLOYEES OF NATIONALIZED ENTITIES AND WHAT TURNED OUT TO BE CONTINGENT OF PPD SUPPORTERS. SEVERAL FIGHTS OCCURRED AND ORDER HAD TO BE RESTORED BY TROOPS STATIONED AT SQUARE WHERE RALLY WAS HELD. ALL SPEAKERS CONTINUALLY INTERRUPTED BY PPD SUPPORTERS CHANTING INITIALS THEIR PARTY AND
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RALLY ABANDONED AFTER BARE HALF HOUR. ORGANIZERS RETIRED FROM FIELD AND

CALLED ON NEWLY RETURNED MILITARY GOVERNOR GENERAL PINTO MAGALHAES TO DEMAND INVESTIGATION OF MAPA AND THEY WERE INFORMED THAT INVESTIGATION ALREADY COMMENCED.

3. COMMENT: POSSIBILITY EXISTS THAT MAPA, ESPECIALLY MORE RADICALQ SUPPORTERS OF INDEPENDENCE, MAY CONTINUE ACTIVITIES CLANDESTINELY BUT PROBABLY NOT AS MAPA OR AS ANY ORGANIZED WHOLE. WE UNDERSTAND CURRENT INVESTIGATION MAPA ACTIVITIES RECENTLY APPROVED BY CENTRAL GOVERNMENT ON BASIS REQUEST MADE SOMETIME AGO BY SOCIALIST PARTY AND FORWARDED TO LISBON BY COMMODORE RICOU WHILE HE WAS ACTING MILITARY GOVERNOR. LEFTIST RALLY WAS FAILURE IN SENSE THAT LACK OF POPULAR SUPPORT WAS MADE APPARENT BUT ITS PURPOSE, RENDERING MAPA INEFFECTIVE, SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN ACHIEVED BY OTHER MEANS. DANIELS

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